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## WAXMAN BLASTS REAGAN PLAN ON AUTO EXHAUSTS

The leading Congressional proponent of clean air legislation, Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D-Los Angeles) has denounced Republican Presidential nominee Ronald Reagan's proposal to relax current auto emission standards. Reagan, in a set of proposals designed to rescue the floundering American automobile industry, proposed an indefinite moratorium on the imposition of federal clean air standards scheduled to go into effect.

Waxman said,

"I do not share Governor Reagan's belief that in order to have a prosperous auto industry, we must resign ourselves to auto-caused smog. The car industry is not in a mess because of smog control devices or federal auto emission standards. It is near collapse because Detroit automakers ignored the obvious need of American consumers for small fuel efficient cars.

"I am certain that the industry will experience a tremendous revival if it will simply produce well-made practical, fuel efficient vehicles that can sell at prices competitive with foreign cars. There is no economic need to drop our plan for higher clean air standards."

Waxman, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Health and the Environment, was critical of not only Ronald Reagan, but also of President Carter. He said the President's plan for the troubled auto industry also included "a disturbing willingness to tamper with clean air standards."

Waxman said he would "adamantly oppose" any legislation to water down the "Clean Air Act" -- regardless of who wins the Presidency in the fall.

"As Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Health and the Environment, I believe I will be able to defeat any bill aimed at weakening air pollution laws."

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